

Governor's Task Force on Broadband
Minnesota Department of Human Services
Room 5134, 444 Lafayette Avenue, St. Paul, MN
Tuesday, February 19, 2013
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Task Force members present: Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Bernadine Joselyn, Steve Lewsader, Danna MacKenzie, Andy Schriener (for Duane Ring), Dick Sjoberg, Bao Vang, Shirley Walz

Task Force members attending by telephone: Gary Evans, Matt Grose, Maureen Ideker, Dan Richter

Others in attendance: Bill Hoffman, Diane Wells, Ann Treacy, Laura Ziegler, Mike Martin, Loren Colman, Roger Root

I. Welcome/Approval of Minutes/Public Comments

Shirley Walz, acting chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Members of the Task Force and others in attendance introduced themselves. Approval of minutes and public comments were deferred to later in the meeting. Minnesota Department of Human Services Assistant Commissioner Loren Colman welcomed everyone to the videoconferencing facility at the Department of Human Services. He explained how the Department is always attempting to advance services and stretch funding by using technology. Assistant Commissioner Colman also responded to questions from Task Force members.

II. Demonstration: Vidyo for Human Services and Presentation: Innovation in Client Services Via Internet Telepresence

Roger Root with the Office of Telecommunity Development with MN IT @ the Minnesota Department of Human Services, along with several members of his team, provided an overview of how technology is used to deliver services provided by the Department and demonstrated the Vidyo technology on large screen televisions, iPads and smartphones. Mr. Root responded to questions from Task Force members.

Lunch Break

III. Recap of FCC Presentation—Bao Vang

Task Force member Bao Vang gave an overview of her presentation of February 7, 2013 as a panelist at the Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Services 2013 Broadband Summit "Broadband Adoption and Usage – What Have We Learned."

Margaret Anderson Kelliher joined the meeting at lunch and resumed the role of chair. Motion by Bao Vang and second by Steve Lewsader to approve the minutes of November 27, 2012 and January 29, 2013. Motion approved.

No member of the public in attendance wished to provide comments.

IV. Discussion of Revised Subgroups

The Task Force discussed the current subgroups and determined that the subgroup “State of Broadband – Survey, Research, Data” would be eliminated as all of the subgroups rely on research and data. The subgroups “Coordination Across Government Levels” and “Monitor/Understand Impact of FCC & PUC Decisions/Cost of Broadband” will be combined because of overlap of issue areas. The other four subgroups (“Locations”, “Best Practices/Incentives,” “Broadband Adoption” and “Mobile/Wireless Broadband”) will be retained. Because of the change to subgroups and also resignations from the Task Force and the expectation for new members to be appointed, there will be the opportunity to sign up for subgroup assignments at the March meeting.

V. Meeting Locations

The Task Force discussed meeting in the metro area for March and April since the weather may still be an issue and because the legislature will still be in session. For the March meeting, staff will try to reserve space at the University of Minnesota’s Urban Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC) in north Minneapolis. Outstate locations discussed included Red Wing, Windom and Lake Lena in District 3 of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.

VI. Legislative Update

There was a discussion of pending and expected state legislation and the role the Task Force members should play in advocating for legislation. Updates were also provided on other events that Task Force members had participated in as representatives of the Task Force or where data on broadband had been provided at legislative hearings. A couple of federal items were updated, including a letter that Senators Franken and Klobuchar had sent to the FCC to encourage awarding CAF Phase I funding for broadband deployment and an update on FirstNet.

VII. Wrap Up/Adjourn

A dashboard that the Governor’s Office is working on that had been discussed by the Broadband Adoption subgroup was distributed. The dashboard included broadband as one

state accountability and performance measure. Chair Kelliher will check with Commissioner Schowalter on the status of the dashboard.

Motion by Dick Sjoberg to adjourn. Second by Steve Lewsader. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:20.